SUBJECT No. 274.

Translation of books on Arts and Sciences of Europe.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Mysore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Pray that some start be made as in Japan for encouraging translation into simple Kannada of treatises on the Arts and Sciences of Europe, America and other countries for the use of the public. No attempt has hitherto been made in this direction.

Reply of Government.—The member may give a list of the books which he would wish to be translated.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Selection of standard text-books.

(1) (2) & (3) Messrs. B. Kesaviah and C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Every year text-books are changed for the same class in English schools. This leads to a lot of unnecessary expenditure. It is requested that suitable standard books may be selected and these be not changed often in classes lower than the Lower Secondary class.

(2) The same set of books for each class may be ordered to be used in all the schools in the State.

(3) Except the text-books in Language prescribed by the Board of Examiners or by the University, the books on other subjects may remain unchanged for at least five years.

(4) H. Gundappa, Kunigal taluk

(4) Uniform text-books of English Reader and Grammar may be used in all Anglo-Vernacular schools.

Reply of Government.—The suggestions will be commended to the Inspector-General of Education, who will be asked to report in full detail the existing rules and practice.

SUBJECT No. 276.

The School Final Examination.

(*a*) Messrs. Girimaji Rao, Butchiah Chetty and Pedda Venkatappa Chetty, Kolar Municipal Board, and Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

(*b*) Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The School Final Examination, in lieu of the Matriculation Examination, which has been causing great hardship to many students, may be introduced early.

(*b*) It is desirable to hold a School Final Examination in the State along with the present Matriculation Examination. As the results of the latter examination have been very disappointing and the number of disappointed youths is fast increasing, this evil should be remedied soon.

Mr. M. Venkatkrishniah.—The scheme of a School Final Examination is not a satisfactory one. It involves too much strain on the students and great increase of writing and other work to the Headmasters. There are no doubt some good points, but the balance of advantages is in favour of the Matriculation and against the School Final Scheme.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 277.

Age limit for the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Students appearing in private for the Mysore Lower Secondary Examination are required to be 16 years of age. As this is a hardship, it is prayed that the age limit may be removed.